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1. There is a cavalry barracks in the center of Sofia with its main entrance on the Regentska-ulica. The west side of the barracks lies on the Ruski Pemetnik Plaza. The barracks can take a complete cavalry section of about 650 men. It consists of a four-story staff building, 35 by 80 m; a one-story dining and meeting building, 20 by 60 m; a one-story kitchen and magazine 20 by 20 m; a stable, 35 by 130 m. All are in poor shape, but no orders have been given for renovation.

2. At present it is occupied by the 2nd Section of the Sofia cavalry regiment. Commander: Capt. Ivanoff. It is divided into a refresher training company, 110 to 120 men, made up of old cavalrymen from the classes of 1924 to 25 who have seen little service (Commander: First Lt. Petroff); 1st Company, 85 men from the classes of 1930 to 31; 2nd Company 85 to 90 men, from the classes 1930 to 31; 3rd Company, 100 men from the classes 1930 to 31 (Commander: Lt. Loktov).

3. The unit has first-class horses, but only about half as many as it needs.

4. In the summer of 1952 the unit received new Soviet light weapons. Each company has five Degtyarev light machine guns, M-49, and an 82 mm mortar.

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